

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 4, 2008.

Claims 1-8 and 13-14 are withdrawn. Claims 15-18 are added. As a result, claims 9-12 and 15-18 are now pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

The Office issued the following restriction:

Group I: claims 1-4 (method of treating diabetic neuropathy with aqueous olive extract);

Group II: claims 5-8 (method of treating C-fiber neuropathy with aqueous olive extract);

Group III: claims 9-12 (method of treating large fiber and C-fiber neuropathy with aqueous olive extract); and

Group IV: claims 13-14 (method of treating large and C-fiber neuropathy with olive extract).

Applicant hereby requests examination of Group III, which includes original claims 9-12 and which Applicant regards as also including new claims 15-18.

The claims of the non-elected invention, claims 1-8 and 13-14, are hereby withdrawn. However, Applicant reserves the right to later file continuations or divisions having claims directed to the non-elected inventions.

Amendment: Presentation of New Claims

Applicant presents new claims 15-18.

New independent claim 15 is directed to a method of treating patients with large fiber and C-fiber neuropathy (Group III) comprising administering an extract of an olive tree product selected from the group consisting of olive and olive leaf. Support for these recitations is found in the detailed description at paragraph 00011, which states, "Oleuropein also is commercially obtained from olive leaves; it can be used instead of or added to the aqueous extract of olives."

New claims 16-18, dependent from new independent claim 15, recite the ranges recited in original claims 10-12, which depend from original independent claim 9, all supported in the detailed description at paragraph 00012.

Accordingly, all new claims are supported by the original disclosure.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 9-12 and 15-20. Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (480-344-7745) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3956.

Respectfully submitted,

By their Representatives,

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